

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20-24 and 31-53 remain pending. Claims 7-10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20-24 and 31-53 have been rejected.

Claims 17 and 20 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. Claims 54-61 have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicant submits that the amendments do not add new matter.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 7-10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20-24 and 31-53 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,573,199 to Chen, et al. ("Chen"), in view of 6,384,827 to Dawkins ("Dawkins") and in view of IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin (May 1993) ("IBM").

Applicant respectfully submits however, that claim 7 is not obvious over Chen in view of Dawkins, and further in view of IBM.

Claim 7 includes the following limitations: simulating the second font based on the first font by automatically stripping a top line and a bottom line from the first font.

Chen discloses generating of an enlarged font from a smaller font for higher resolution printers (col.1, lines 20-35). More specifically, Chen discloses storing the 24x24 dot matrix of the smaller font with the side information. The side information describes where in the smaller 24x24 font horizontal and vertical lines are to be inserted and where to delete the lines (col. 3, lines 39-50) to generate the enlarged 28x28 font. In particular, Chen discloses that

To begin, the data of the 24.times.24 and 28.times.28 fonts is imputed to the graphic facility as indicated by operation block 27, and then the two fonts are displayed in block 28. The user then provides a manual input for vertical expansion in block 29. The manual input is processed in block 30, and the generated font is displayed in block

31. In decision block 32, if four lines have not been added to effect the vertical expansion, the interactive process returns to block 29 for further manual input. Otherwise, the user is prompted in decision block 33 as to whether s/he desires to reoperate the procedure. If the user is satisfied and does not wish to reoperate the procedure, the 28.times.28 and the vertically expanded 28.times.24 fonts are displayed in block 34.

(Chen, col. 7, lines 55-68, Figure 7) (emphasis added)

Dawkins discloses generating a display for a small display screen. More specifically, Dawkins discloses applying one font size to the selected menu item (character), applying a reduced font size to the characters above and below the selected menu item. In particular, Dawkins discloses sparing the screen resources provided by reduced font to display additional characters at the top and the bottom of the display. The both top and bottom characters are truncated in half (col. 2, lines 57-67).

IBM discloses a program that prevents adjacent characters to be displayed on the screen from touching each other on a 640 pel width display. More specifically, IBM discloses replacing the data, which specifies 9x16 font with the data, which specifies 8x16 font; and replacing the data, which specifies 9x16 font with the data, which specifies 9x14 font.

It is respectfully submitted that Chen does not teach or suggest a combination with Dawkins and IBM, Dawkins does not teach or suggest a combination with Chen and IBM, and IBM does not teach or suggest a combination with Chen and Dawkins.

Chen teaches enlarging the characters for higher resolution display (col. 1, lines 20-35). Dawkins, in contrast, teaches truncating the characters for smaller display screen. IBM, in contrast to Chen and Dawkins, teaches preventing the adjacent characters from touching each other on a 640 pel width display. It would be impermissible hindsight based on Applicant's own disclosure, to combine Chen, Dawkins, and IBM.

Furthermore, Chen and Dawkins can not be combined, because one would not enlarge the character by truncating it. Indeed, Chen and Dawkins are not combinable in the manner

suggested in the office Action because they are attempting to achieve diametrically opposite goals – one seeks to enlarge while the other seeks to reduce, so it makes no sense to attempt to combine Chen with Dawkins.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 7 is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Chen, in view of Dawkins, and further in view of IBM.

Because claims 13, 17, 20, 31, 35, 40, and 45 contain the related limitations, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 13, 17, 20, 31, 35, 40, and 45 are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Chen, in view of Dawkins, and further in view of IBM.

Given that claims 8-10, 14, 18, 21-24, 32-34, 36-39, 41-44, and 46-53 depend from claims 1, 13, 17, 20, 31, 35, 40, and 45 respectively, and add additional limitations, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8-10, 14, 18, 21-24, 32-34, 36-39, 41-44, and 46-53 are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Chen, in view of Dawkins, and further in view of IBM.

Furthermore, even if Chen, Dawkins, and IBM were combined, such a combination would lack the following limitations of new claim 54: using all lines of the first font except the top line and the bottom line to display the second font.

Because new claims 55-61 contain the related limitations, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 55-61 are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Chen, in view of Dawkins, and further in view of IBM.

CONCLUSION

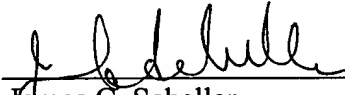
It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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